

Sturnella magna, var. *meridionalis*, Baird, Brew., et Ridgw. B. N. A. ii. p. 172; Coues, B. N. W. p. 191.

Similis *St. ludovicianæ* et *crassitie* æquali, sed torque pectorali angusto.

Hab. Llanos of Venezuela, Guiana, and Amazonia: Sierra Nevada of St. Marta (*Simons*); Caripé, Venezuela (*Goering*); Roraima Mountains (*Whitely*); Rio Branco (*Natterer*).

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II.—On a new *Carpodectes* from South-western *Costa Rica*.

By ROBERT RIDGWAY.

(Plate II.)

THE subject of the following description and accompanying Plate was received recently at the U.S. National Museum along with a small but very interesting collection of birds sent by Sr. Don José C. Zeledon, of San José, already known to science as an accomplished ornithologist and the author of a recent catalogue of the birds of *Costa Rica**.

CARPODECTES ANTONIÆ. (Plate II.)

Carpodectes antoniæ, Zeledon, MS.

Adult ♂ (No. 91832, Pirris, May 1883; Juan Zeledon collector). Similar to *C. nitidus*, but rather smaller, the bill mostly bright yellow, the wings wholly pure white, and crown much paler pearl-blue. Plumage pure white, except the forehead and crown (which are pale pearl-blue or glaucous), and back, scapulars, rump, upper tail-coverts, and tail (which are of a more delicate shade of the same). Bill clear lemon-yellow ("wax-yellow" in fresh specimens), with a distinctly marked black stripe along the culmen; "iris dark; feet black." Wings 5·40 inches, tail 2·60, culmen ·70, tarsus ·90, middle toe ·80.

This lovely species much resembles *C. nitidus*, except as

* 'Catalogo de las Aves de Costa-Rica,' por José C. Zeledon. San José, Costa Rica. Junio 1882. Imprenta Nacional. 8vo, pp. 39. (701 species.)

pointed out above, but is clearly distinct. Mr. Zeledon's notes respecting it are as follows:—

“You will be agreeably surprised to learn that I have made a most unexpected discovery in the shape of a new *Carpodectes*. The bird is snowy white, except on the back and top of the head, where a faint wash of grey is to be seen, all the back of the neck being pure white, like the rest of the body. No traces of the grey tinge are present on any other part of the plumage. The bill is somewhat smaller, less swollen, and more curved than in *C. nitidus*, and of a yellow colour, with a black line along the culmen to the very tip; the feet are black, not plumbeous, as in the latter species; the dimensions are pretty much the same, excepting that the tail is rather shorter than in *C. nitidus*.

“There is but one specimen in my possession, which was obtained by my brother Juan at Pirris, on the south-western side of Costa Rica. It is a fine adult male, and was procured in May last.

“*C. nitidus* has been obtained only on the eastern side of the country; I am inclined therefore to believe that the present species is the western representative of the genus.

“I have named this charming bird *Carpodectes antoniæ*, after a dear sister whose death I mourn.”

III.—*On a new Species of Wryneck, discovered in Eastern Equatorial Africa by Dr. Emin Bey.* By Dr. G. HARTLAUB.

(Plate III.)

I HAVE the pleasure of introducing to my brother ornithologists a new species of the restricted genus *Iynx*, lately discovered by my excellent correspondent Dr. Emin Bey, which I propose to call

IYNX PULCHRICOLLIS, sp. nov. (Plate III.)

Supra in fundo griseo-rufescente maculis rarioribus, minutis, plus minusve triangularibus, postice cano marginatis, in collo postico fasciam longitudinalem irregularemque formantibus nigris ornata; pileo eodem modo fasciatim



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